

Maarnada News Letter 2007

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Dear Friends of Maarnada:

I am writing on December 4, 2007. Maarten is on his way up Island to Cowichan Station where the "Doorways to Spirit" will be unveiled at St. Andrew's Anglican Church. This year has been quite a journey. In January after a relaxing vacation in Maui we returned and began the DVD for the "Doorways to Spirit". Maarten's three and a half year labour. The DVD is now on our web site www.maarnada.ca and shows Maarten completing the 16th Doorway of the Arts. We celebrated his sixtieth birthday on January 30th and his father Kees was admitted to the hospital the same day. We give thanks to Linda Johnstone who assisted us on that day and would continue to assist us on important occasions throughout the year.

On February 8th at 97 years of age Maarten's father died. He had let us know he had lived a full life, was tired and it was enough. The Schaddelee Family on mass came together with a huge crowd of loyal Victorians to honour his life. The four brother's each spoke of their father's life. The picture tribute at the end was set to "I Did it My Way" and that he did, and proud of him we all are. Fifty-one years of his life had been spent in Victoria as the owner of The Dutch Bakery and Coffee Shop Ltd.

April 22nd Earth Day Maarten and Nadine A. were invited to speak at the Parliament buildings and hold the Torch for the World Harmony Peace Run. The first runners went to Millennium Peace and came out for a visit at Maarnada. www.worldharmonyrun.org On the same day we found a store front for rent connected to the Victoria Conference Centre. David and Susan Price of Swallow's Landing hired Christine Ernst to assist us launch the "Doorways to Spirit". David didn't feel the Installation should wait for a public Gallery space. This is what an artist dreams of, Patron's that believe in their work and support the dream.

The last weekend in May at the 13th Annual Painters At Painters Brush with the Masters, Maarten launched the Doorways to Spirit via DVD, Keynote and Talk. It was a packed house and the feedback was amazing. The Doorways were finding their way. This event is sold out every year with a long waiting list.

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We are honored to be a part of this event put on by Bob Wright and the Oak Bay Marine Group. www.painterslodge.com/event/painters-at-painters/

Thursday May 31st we installed "Westcoast Spirit" at Upper Harbour Place on Victoria's Upper Harbour. A nine foot stylized Whale's Tail weighing approximately 3,000 lbs. in blue/gray Vancouver Island Marble. David Price and son Sean were there to assist in the installation. Our web site is being upgraded and you will be able to see this sculpture and much more very soon. Troy did the landscaping for the project. Check it out. It is beautiful. Heather Leary came on board to assist Maarnada as our media communications person. We are grateful for her outstanding job.

In June we were granted the rental space of 741 and 744 Douglas Street for the "Art of Maarten Schaddelee" and the "Doorways to Spirit" Gallery. It was a full time job for Maarten painting and making the space workable. We gratefully received sponsorship from Laurie J. Pederson, Shannon Price of KLIO REAL ESTATE SYSTEMS, David and Susan Price, Speedway Motors Ltd., The Finishing Store, VI Electric and C.J. Schaddelee Senior. Peter Walters and Aleya Ryan of Anonymous Advertising did an outstanding job of the signage, posters, print material, and "Doorways to Spirit" Book and DVD. Bridget Ittah brought together the dream team of Sherry Lepage, Gord More, and Jude Summers for the DVD which has had viewers from all over the world. SMTV's correspondent in Victoria Betska K-Burr interviewed us and the production team in L.A. our DVD with their footage extended it to twenty-five minutes and subtitled it in twelve languages. SMTV is a positive News only station that has received over a billion hits in one day. Please [click here](#) to view this program.

July was a busy month. On July 17th in the pouring rain the very large parent and child Eagle marble sculpture "Birth of a Dream" was flying over the West Tower of Swallows Landing by crane to be installed in the Harbour front garden. It was a challenging but successful result. www.swallowslanding.com This project is magnificent!

The Moss Street Paint In was on the 21st. It was great to see 25,000 - 30,000 people who came down to the event. We were at the end of Moss Street at Dallas this year. www.aggv.bc.ca/moss+street.aspx .

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"Birth of a Dream" was unveiled at Swallows Landing on a beautiful warm day on the 28th.

Thursday August 2nd was the Gala Opening and unveiling of the "Doorways to Spirit Gallery" and The "Art of Maarten Schaddelee" Gallery. The Galleries were packed with joyous patron's as the Doorways were unveiled by the youth in the group. This is our hope that their legacy will help create a symbol of peace in our world.

In a three week period we saw over 3,000 people from all over the world. We were overwhelmed by the emotion and rave reviews that Maarten's Art and the "Doorways to Spirit" Installation evoked. We continue to give thanks to those who believed in us when we were hard pressed to believe in ourselves.

International Peace Day September 21st found the "Doorways to Spirit" installed in the Sanctuary of First Metropolitan United Church. The Doorways were unveiled by the Interfaith community of Victoria. Rev. Alan Saunders, the Department of Peace Initiative, UVIC Interfaith, the Intercultural Society and joined together with music, speaking, song and celebration. See "The Art of Pursuing Peace" www.firstmetvictoria.com/newsletter/0405.pdf#page=6.

The "Doorways to Spirit" stayed at First Met for the twelve days of peace into October and then came home to Maarnada. They were at St. Andrew's Anglican church at Cowichan Station in December, and will be at the Queenswood Centre Chapel in February, March, and april of 2008. They can be viewed daily from 9:00AM to 9:00

PM. http://www.queenswoodcentre.com/newsletters/newsletter_10.pdf#page=3

There was so much going on this year that we didn't have our Fall Maarnada Show. We promise there will be a Spring/Summer Show in 2008.

Join Victoria artist and columnist Robert Amos on a fascinating insider's tour of studios on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands where some of Canada's best known artists do their work. Maarten is included in "Where Art is Born". Over the past 15 years, Amos has interviewed and photographed these artists from his artist and art-writer perspective. He has created stunning panoramic collages assembled from photographs detailing each artist's studio and methods.

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He combines these with biographies, insights into each one's artistic process, and examples of their completed works.

www.touchwoodeditions.com/newreleases.html. The collages along with original work by each of the artists is on display at the [Maltwood Art Gallery](#) at UVIC until March of 2008.

We thank everyone who have called ahead and come to Maarnada. We will be around if you need a sculpture for the perfect gift. Call us at 250 4771651 or email nadinas@shaw.ca.

Best Wishes to you dear friends of Maarnada. May Peace be with you during this holiday season and in the New Year. We look forward to seeing you very soon.

Nadine A. and Maarten